



## *Report to the Auburn City Council*

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Agenda Item No.

City Manager's Approval

**To:** Mayor and City Council Members  
**From:** Mark D'Ambrogi, Fire Chief  
**Date:** June 8, 2009  
**Subject:** 2008 Weed Abatement Program, Assess Tax Roll

### *The Issue*

Shall the City of Auburn recover costs associated with the 2008 weed abatement process for private properties within the City?

### *Conclusions and Recommendation*

Staff recommends that the City Council, by resolution, approve the 2008 cost report of the weed abatement program and direct the City Clerk to file a certified copy of the report with the Placer County Auditor-Controller in order to collect cost assessments.

### *Background*

The weed abatement program requires City personnel coordinate the abatement of weeds, dry grass, and or rubbish on private properties and recover costs associated with this abatement performance. Each parcel has been billed for services for a total of three (3) times resulting in non-payment each occurrence. This action is the result of such non-payment.

A total of three (4) parcels incurred abatement costs for a total of \$1,230.00. Attached to this report is the description and charges incurred for the individual properties. This resolution will authorize the City of Auburn to assess the property owner by placing such cost directly onto the individual property owner(s) tax roll. The Placer County Auditor-Controller's Office requires this action as authorization to follow procedures to collect charges. This action by the City Council is required to proceed forward for collection.

### *Alternatives Available to Council; Implications of Alternatives*

1. Adopt the resolution;
2. Take no action, cost incurred for abatement will not be placed on the tax rolls and absorbed by the City of Auburn.

**Fiscal Impact**

The funds collected from this City Council action will reimburse the general fund for costs incurred for weed abatement process during the 2008 year. Due to processing the abatement assessment, actual reimbursement will not occur until the 2009/2010 Fiscal Year.

**Attached**

Weed Abatement Cost Report

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark D'Ambrogi". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small number "1" written above the first letter "M".

Mark D'Ambrogi  
Fire Chief

**2008 Weed Abatement  
Tax Roll Assessment  
Cost and Fees**

**Exhibit "A"**

<b>APN</b>	<b>SITE ADDRESS</b>	<b>STREET NAME</b>	<b>ABATEMENT COST</b>	<b>ADMIN FEE</b>	<b>TOTAL CHARGE</b>	<b>TAX CODE AREA</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>
004-100-033-000	1605	High St.	\$305.00	\$65.00	\$370.00	60700	Auburn City
055-120-002-000	110	Skyridge	\$105.00	\$65.00	\$170.00	60700	Auburn City
001-143-039-000	Vacant	Nevada St.	\$355.00	\$65.00	\$420.00	60700	Auburn City
004-100-020-000	1500	High St.	\$205.00	\$65.00	\$270.00	60700	Auburn City
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>\$970.00</b>	<b>\$260.00</b>	<b>\$1,230.00</b>		

1 RESOLUTION NO. 09-  
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4 **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF**  
5 **AUBURN CONFIRMING A REPORT ACCOUNTING THE COSTS**  
6 **OF WEED ABATEMENT AND CONFIRMING AND ORDERING**  
7 **THE ASSESSMENT OF SUCH COSTS**  
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10 WHEREAS, Article 2, Chapter 13, Part 2, Division 3, Title 4 of the  
11 California Government Code (Section 39500 *et. seq.*) authorizes the City  
12 Council to order the abatement of weeds, rubbish and other flammable  
13 materials upon private property and to levy an assessment against such  
14 property for the cost of such abatement; and

15 WHEREAS, the City Council has, by prior action after duly noticed public  
16 hearing, issued an abatement order with respect to each of the properties  
17 described in Exhibit A to this resolution (the "Parcels"); and  
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19 WHEREAS, the City has incurred abatement costs with respect to each of  
20 the Parcels that remain unpaid by the owners of the Parcels; and  
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22 WHEREAS, on the date of the adoption of this Resolution, an itemized  
23 report accounting the cost of abatement in front of or on each of the Parcels  
24 (the "Report") was submitted to this City Council; and  
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26 WHEREAS, a copy of the Report is on file in the Office of the City Clerk  
27 and incorporated herein by reference; and  
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1 WHEREAS, on the date of the adoption of this Resolution, the City  
2 Council held a public hearing at which the owners of each of the Parcels had an  
3 opportunity to present the City Council with objections to the assessments  
4 described in the Report (the "Hearing"); and

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6 WHEREAS, a copy of the Report, with a notice of the time of the Hearing  
7 was posted on or near the chamber door of the City Council for least three  
8 days prior to the Hearing.

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10 **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN DOES RESOLVE AS**  
11 **FOLLOWS:**

12 SECTION 1: The foregoing recitals are each true and correct.

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14 SECTION 2. The City Council overrules any objections and confirms the  
15 Report as submitted.

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17 SECTION 3. The City Council confirms the assessments against each of  
18 the parcels as shown on Exhibit A, hereto, and orders that the assessments be  
19 transmitted to the County of Placer for collection at the same time and in the  
20 same manner as ordinary municipal taxes.

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22 SECTION 4. The City Clerk is directed to record in the office of the County  
23 Recorder notice of this order confirming the assessment.

1 PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of June 2009.

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M. J. HOLMES, Mayor

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7 ATTEST:

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Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk

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I, Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk of the City of Auburn, hereby certify  
that the foregoing resolution was duly passed at a regular meeting of the City  
Council of the City of Auburn held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 2009 by the following  
vote on roll call:

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Ayes:

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Noes:

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Absent:

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Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk

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